

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
03-11-04**

7:00 P.M.

Council Workshop 6:00 PM: **Jim Nelson, Debt Restructuring - 20 Minutes**
 Levy Discussion - 30 minutes

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:09 P.M.

Council Present: Steve Hotchkiss, Will Ibershof, Heather Page, Jeffrey Possinger,
 Greg Von Tobel, Tom Loutsis, Pat Fullmer, Mayor Nixon

Staff Present: Doreen Booth, Steve Schuller, Chief Merryman, Dianne Nelson,
 Bruce Disend, Jodee Schwinn

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$127,967.43; Claims in the amount of \$202,832.94.

II. Comments from the Audience:

Ryan Robinson, 26512 NE Stella St., Duvall, representing W.R.E.C.K. Center, gave an update on the Youth Center. He reported they had 42 kids come through the Center on Friday night. He reported they are also working on providing some after school programs and increasing community support. He stated they are having some issues with kids skateboarding on private property in the area. A volunteer from the C.O.P. group suggested he bring it to City Council's attention as perhaps they can work on providing something for those youth. Lastly, Ryan announced the next Advisory Meeting will be held on March 31, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at the Youth Center. He encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Will Daniel, 19705 - 330th Avenue NE, Duvall, said about 8 months ago he attended a meeting regarding construction of a skate park in Duvall. He also attended a City Council meeting where local youth presented their idea for a skate park to the City Council. He reported a number of local youth have now drafted a skate park constructed out of wood, which would be less expensive. He emphasized there are many options available to still construct a skate park and wants to bring awareness to the City and encourage looking for a way to make it happened.

Ray Burhen, P.O. Box 6, Duvall, said he recently received his property tax statement. He stated his taxes have increased 30%. He feels as though there is a disconnect from the shortfall the City says they are going to get, and what his tax statement says. The City

says it is looking at an 8% increase in costs and his property taxes have increased 30%. He stated he doesn't feel the taxpayers can take too much more.

Marco Barba, 11426 - 356th Avenue NE, Carnation, said he wanted to introduce himself. He and his wife own Duvall Flowers and Gifts. He is also looking at ideas for opening up a new business in Duvall. He said he is very excited to become more involved in the community. He has also joined the Chamber of Commerce and plans on attending many more City and community meetings.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Ibershof- Possinger) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll in the amount of \$127,967.43; Claims in the amount of \$202,832.94; and the Council Meeting Minutes of 2/26/04. Carried. (7 ayes).

IV. Presentation: None

V. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Nixon announced that Jennifer Dunn has allocated \$400,000 in the Federal Budget for the wastewater infrastructure improvements. She also thanked Steve Schuller for submitting an appropriation request to Jennifer Dunn for the Main Street Sidewalk Project and improvements to the W.R.E.C.K. Center.

2. Committee Reports: *Reports will be given at the second Council Meeting of each month.*

3. Council:

Councilmember Pat Fullmer announced that this Saturday is "Second Saturday." She will be at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

4. Staff:

a. Doreen Booth, City Hall Administrator/Planning Director, gave a report on the first Community Meeting held for the Comprehensive Plan update. She said 58 people attended and it was very successful. She reported the Comprehensive Plan update is moving along really well. Assistant Planner, Todd Hall, has drafted the Housing Capital Facilities and Utilities Elements of the plan. She reported Transportation Element will also be updated, and the Planning Commission will be working on the Parks Element. She said information on the updates are available on the City of Duvall website. Doreen also announced the Planning Commission Meeting for March 18, 2004, has been cancelled so the Planning Commissioners can attend a planning short course in Monroe.

b. Police Chief Glenn Merryman gave an overview of the Police Department's training and achievements in 2003. He reported the Duvall officers received a total of 758 hours of training. Several officers also earned their certification to be instructors in various training areas. Chief Merryman announced the department has been awarded a grant to

purchase 4 radar units and 4 portable breath testers. He also announced the Small Cities Police Agencies Coalition has received a multi-agency grant to purchase a new radar trailer. The unit will be shared among the Coalition. Chief Merryman reported he attended a pre-construction meeting on the Police Station today. Delivery of the building is scheduled for June 11th. They hope to have it complete by August 1st. Lastly, Chief Merryman reported that they are testing for reserve police officers this Saturday.

c. Steve Schuller, Public Works Director, announced that the Holy Innocents Catholic Church has paid for their permit and plan on starting construction of their new church on Cherry Valley Road in June. Steve also announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project is scheduled for April 19 at 4:30 p.m. He reported the "Sport Court" project at the storm water vault in the Taylor Heights Div. II neighborhood is starting. The neighbors are very excited. He also reported the Duvall MOMS Club submitted their plans for the Central Park project at NE 150th Street and 275th Avenue NE. He said they did an excellent job on the design and he will be taking it forward to get quotes to start construction this summer. He also asked Council to consider authorizing him to spend \$30,000 to complete the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan update.

d. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, announced that the next City utility bills will include return envelopes. She explained that the envelopes were purchased with the money saved by ordering a bulk supply of utility bills. Providing return envelopes is something the customers have been requesting for a long time.

VI. Public Hearing: *None*

VII. Old Business: *None*

VIII. New Business:
1. (AB04-18) Confirmation of Gary Gill to the Duvall Planning Commission Position #5, a term ending 12/31/05. *Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Von Tobel) to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gary Gill to the Duvall Planning Commission Position #5. Carried. (7 ayes).*

2. (AB04-19) Authorize and Approve the Mayor to Sign Contract with Pacific Landscape, Inc. for Renovation of Baseball Field at Big Rock Ball Park. *Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Page) to authorize and approve the Mayor to sign contract with Pacific Landscape, Inc. for Renovation of the baseball field at Big Rock Ball Park. Carried. (7 ayes).*

IX. Executive Session: *None*

- X. **Adjournment:**
 Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Fullmer) to adjourn. Carried. (7 ayes).

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Signed _____
 Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest _____
 Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk